GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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DROPOUT RATES
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a dropout rate is increasing in rural areas in comparison to urban areas particularly among the SCs/STs/OBCs dominated areas during the last three years, State and Union territory wise;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any proposal to conduct nation-wide survey in this regard;

(d) if so, the time by which it is likely to be conducted;

(e) if not, whether the Union Government has any plan to fix any responsibility in each State under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan to improve efficiency and academic standard in schools;

(f) if so, the details thereof alongwith the special assistance given, if any, to different States to achieve this object. State-wise; and

(g) the steps taken by the Union Government for the effective implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M.A.A. FATMI)

(a)& (b): State/UT-wise dropout rates in classes I-V, I-VIII and I-X for all students for the last three years (2000-01 to 2002-03) and for SCs and STs for the last two years (2001-02 to 2002-03) are Annexed. Dropout rates for SC/ST for the years 2000-01 are not available.

(c) & (d) Ministry has no proposal to conduct nation-wide survey in this regard.

(e) & (f) The Central Government has requested each State to project reduction in dropout rates, separately for each district so as to become 0% by 2007 for the primary stage. The Central Governrneni has also requested each State to implement regular assessment of student achievement levels and to monitor the performance of students and schools.

(g) The following steps have been taken by the Central Government for effective implementation of Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan.

(i) Timely approval of the Annual Work Plan & Budgets of States/UTs.

(ii) Timely release of Central funds for SSA to States/UTs.

(iii) Regular review and monitoring of implementation of SSA in States/UTs through monthly and quarterly Programme Performance Indicators, review meetings and visit to States/UTs, participation in Executive Committee meetings of SSA State Societies and six monthly Joint Review Missions. The National Mission for SSA with a Governing Council and Executive Committee also review SSA implementation.

(iv) Capacity building workshops training programmes and cross-State experience sharing workshops, on various aspects of SSA